



Sinclair Avenue (Hastings Street to the north end), Hastings Street (Prospect Avenue to College Avenue), and adjacent Construction

The City of Grand Rapids will reconstruct to the above streets and create new streets this construction season. You are receiving this letter because you are within 350 feet of the work. We invite you to contact us at the number or e-mail address below with any questions.

Design and Tentative Schedule

Phase 1 May - August 2020

- Reconstruct Sinclair Avenue from Hastings Street to the north end
- Construct a new connection between Sinclair Avenue and College Avenue and extend Trowbridge Street from North Avenue to Sinclair Avenue to provide direct access to College Avenue and better connect the Belknap area to the street grid. Please see the image below.
- Install a new traffic signal at the intersection of the new connection and College Avenue.

Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

communityengagement@grcity.us
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

After-Hours Emergency Number

616-456-3249

Phase 2 Fall 2020

- Reconstruct Hastings Street from Prospect Avenue to College Avenue.
- Create a roundabout at Hastings Street and Sinclair Avenue to direct traffic to and from the new and existing connections between Sinclair Avenue and College Avenue and to slow vehicles entering the neighborhood.
- Continue the non-motorized pathway on the south side of Hastings Street from Coit Avenue to College Avenue to improve safety and comfort for people walking and biking.



Construction Information

Water Main

- The water main, which provides water to properties along the street, will be replaced.
- Lead water service lines that carry water from the main into residences will be replaced, if authorized by property owners. If the water service lines have already been replaced in the past, then this does not apply to you. If your residence still has lead water service lines, the City's Water Department will contact you if they have not already.
- Typically, there will be two water shutdowns: once when the new main is placed in service (4 to 8 hours long) and another to connect individual water services for each property to the new main (2 to 4 hours long). There may be a third shut down to complete the final main switch. The contractor will provide notice 24 hours in advance.
- Occasionally, a water main may accidentally break during construction. If this happens, you may not be notified, but repairs will be made as quickly as possible to restore your service.
- Following a water shutdown, calcified deposits may be dislodged by water pressure once the system is turned back on. Please run outside faucets first and then the faucets in all sinks to clear the lines. If some faucets are running slowly, it may be necessary to check the screens and clean off any debris.

Sanitary Sewer

- The sanitary sewer main, which handles wastewater from all properties along the street, will be replaced.
- Sanitary laterals to the property line will be replaced. Sanitary laterals connect buildings to the sanitary sewer main.
- There will be no interruption to sewer service.

Storm Sewer and Green Infrastructure

- The storm sewer system, which handles stormwater, will be upgraded. Stormwater is rainwater or water from melting snow or ice. The stormwater system includes catch basins (the grates found periodically along the curb) that collect the water from the street and carry it into a main line.
- Infiltration catch basins, a form of green infrastructure, will be installed in some locations to process stormwater. Green infrastructure retains and soaks stormwater into the ground to filter pollutants and reduce runoff entering natural bodies of water.

Driveways and Sidewalks

- All driveway approaches and some sidewalk will be replaced. Affected residents will not have access to their driveways for 5-7 days while the work is completed and the concrete cures. The contractor will coordinate with those affected in advance.
- Driveway access may not be available when road work is directly in front of a driveway.

Parkways and Street Trees

- Sidewalk, curb, and drive approach work may disturb the parkway. The parkway is the area between the curb and sidewalk. Should this happen, the area will be restored with grass. Please water these areas after the project is done to help the grass establish.
- If there are plants, landscaping, etc. in the parkway you want to save, please move them prior to the start of construction.
- If you have a sprinkler system, please mark the sprinkler heads with flags, sticks, or spray paint. Sprinklers broken during construction will be repaired.
- Some street trees may be removed as they would be adversely impacted by the construction.
- New street trees will be planted.

Access, Parking, Detour Route and Bus Service

- Streets under construction will be closed to through traffic with local and emergency vehicle access maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the street during construction hours.
- Sometime in June, College Avenue will close for about four weeks to through traffic just north of the I-196 ramps and south of the railroad. The detour will use Leonard Street, Lafayette Avenue, and Michigan Street.
- This work will impact bus service, for the most up to date route information please call 616-776-1100 or visit ridetherapid.org/schedules-maps/alerts-detours.

Other Items

- Recycling and refuse service will be maintained, but bins must be placed in their normal spots the night before collection day. Failing to do so may result in a missed collection. If needed, the contractor will move the bins to where they can be emptied and return them.
- Access for mail and other delivery services will be maintained.
- Typical construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Occasionally, work may be done on Sunday. Work hours are dependent on weather and the contractor's schedule.
- As part of the City's efforts to better manage stormwater, residents are encouraged to participate in a rain barrel workshop hosted by the West Michigan Environmental Action Council. Please visit wmeac.org/rainbarrels or call the Council at 616-451-3051 for more information.

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